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CENTRAL AVENUE to REMAIN CLOSED **OFF PEAK LANE REDUCTIONS ON FIFTH STREET**

CENTRAL AVENUE

Central Avenue between Fifth Street and Sixth Street will remain closed throughout the month of March as work continues on the expansion of the Cinergy Convention Center. This closure has been necessary to allow the placement of steel beams that are a part of the portion of the building that will hang over Central Avenue. This structure will also support the CINCINNATI icon that will be one of the signature features of the expansion.

Southbound Central Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets is expected to reopen on April 1, 2005. However, it will be necessary to keep the northbound lanes closed from time to time, to allow for the painting of the steel during the month of April and to allow for the panel fabrication during May, June and a portion of July. Detour routes will be posted and Metro buses will be rerouted as needed. The northbound lanes will also be reopened for certain special events.

FIFTH STREET

An additional north side lane of Fifth Street, between Central Avenue and Plum Street, will be closed each weekday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to allow for steel erection along the Fifth Street side of the Cinergy Convention Center. This lane reduction will be in place between March 1, 2005 and May 7, 2005. The lane restriction will not be in place during certain daytime special events. Motorists are advised to exercise caution in these areas and reduce their speed as they approach the work zones.

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